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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1906.

THE priest controls the peasant and the Pope controls the priest; otherwise, the present relations of the French Government and the Vatican would appear in the light of an archaic absurdity. Frenchmen in the Far East appear to be vastly indignant at the Pope's Encyclical to the French bishops, and before other nations can understand why they take Rome so seriously, they must review the situation. Once, of course, there was a temporal power at the Vatican; and the renewed troubles between Church and State in France are chiefly due to the fact that a point of State etiquette happened to be viewed by the Vatican through the eye of diplomacy, rather than through the eye of religion. Many people not closely interested assume that the Government of France has fallen into atheistic hands, and that it is this which has incurred the displeasure of the Church, and provoked antipathetic legislation in contempt of that displeasure. Really, the cause of the trouble is much less worthy; it is almost ludicrous and certainly contemptible.

President Louvet visited the KING OF ITALY early in 1904, and omitted at the same time to visit HIS HOLINESS THE POPE.

Various reasons have been suggested for the omission, but none should be necessary, if modern piety were half as real as modern piety. The Papal authorities, however,

protested bitterly in a private note, which

was unfortunately later made public. The Pope strongly resented the action of M. Louvet, as head of a Catholic State, pointedly recognising the power that had deprived the Pope of his dominions. As a matter of fact, M. Louvet had merely performed the necessary duty of returning a Royal visit, their Italian MAJESTIES having been in Paris the year before. Other Catholic Powers were circularised from Rome, and the publication of the protest aroused the indignation of the Republicans. The Pope ordered two bishops of Republican sympathies to resign and repair to Rome for disciplinary purposes; and in reply to this assertion of power, France recalled its ambassador from the Vatican. By this time the necessity of complete disestablishment had become fully apparent, and legislation to that end was started. The Vatican was accused by M. Combes of having wilfully disregarded and violated the Concordat of 1801 by which, in return for recognition of State rights, NAPOLEON I. made an annual grant equivalent to £1,480,000, as some compensation for church property seized during the Revolution. Subsequent governments had arranged modifications of detail; but this principle remained intact, that the consent of the Civil Government was necessary for all appointments or dismissals of ecclesiastical dignitaries. The French government, therefore, could not submit to the Pope's attitude in the matter of the two bishops. Violent dissensions in the Chamber were only to be expected, but M. Rouvire in succeeding M. Combes last year showed that the noble ideal of liberty, equality, and fraternity must not be hindered by the tyranny of the cassock. Where before France legally recognised all religions, and made a grant to every sect, now France washes its hands of them all; each sect must support itself and the State will not meddle, provided no sect pretends to meddle with the State. Education is removed entirely from church control, an example which Britain, as a Protestant country, should have been the first to set. By the law promulgated on December 9th, 1905, the churches are separated from the State, which is relieved from payment of salaries. The adherents of all creeds may form associations for public worship and all buildings actually used for public worship are to be made over after an inventory is taken of these various associations. Ecclesiastics over sixty years of age and with over thirty years of remunerative service under the State are entitled to a pension equal to three-fourths of that salary, and others according to their length of service. There are nearly forty thousand Catholic pensioners, seven hundred Protestants, and a few Jewish, who take about £29,500,000 from the State. The Pope appears quite willing to goad the State into withdrawing this generous item, by his suicidal and unscriptural orders to the priesthood to resist the separation law. There may be, directly incited by the Church, which hungers still after temporal dominion, more disorders and fatalities. It is a sad thing to contemplate, but it is consoling to believe that the flowing tide is with the party of common-sense and human dignity, and that in time to come all Frenchmen will blush to think of the folly of those misguided predecessors who failed to recognise the rotteness of the pretensions for which they fought.

The Colonial Secretary informs us that the issue of clean Bills of Health was resumed yesterday.

The s.s. Cranley, which arrived here from Chingmatau and Chefoo yesterday, has 1,21 coolies aboard, bound for South Africa.

The bar at the Singapore Supreme Court on August 23rd was crowded by all of the counsel present in Singapore, who could possibly be present, when the recently appointed Chief Justice, Mr. Hyndman Jones, took his seat in his new and exalted capacity for the first time.

The following reference was in the Hankow paper:—We learn that Mr. Whittick, formerly an assistant master at a school in Hongkong and lately of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, is severing his connection with the latter concern and resuming scholastic duties. He leaves this evening en route to Tsinanfu, where the newly founded school will benefit by his services.

The programme for the Kowloon Cricket Club concert to-night is very attractive. There is a pleasing variety of vocal and instrumental selections, and the artistes include Mrs. Jordan, Miss North, Messrs. R. Hume, L. Brougham, Groome, A. F. Walstow, G. R. Edwards, E. G. Jordan, A. E. Paine, Bristol, Burnett and Brougham, with the Band of the 129th Baluchis.

No one has any real sense of pathos who has not a sense of humour, and both these are the sense of true proportion.

## TELEGRAMS.

## FRUITS OF THE COMMISSION.

## THE CHARGES AGAINST INSPECTOR H. J. W. GIDLEY.

The hearing of the charges of bribery proffered against Inspector Robert J. W. Gidley of the Sanitary Board was continued.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) represented the defendant.

Chak Ho-king was further examined. He said the notice produced was signed by defendant. It was first handed to him by Mok in witness' shop last year. After Mok gave him the paper he took it and showed it to the inspector. He saw defendant at his house and told him he was the owner of \$250 if he would exempt an owner from concreting his house. The inspector looked at the notice and said all right; he said he would go and inspect the house on the following day. Witness saw him inspect it. His coolie was also present. He could not remember whether any hole was dug in the floor. After the inspection witness asked defendant whether the door was satisfactory, and defendant said it would do. At luncheon time witness went to the inspector's house and handed him \$50. No one else was present. The \$50 was given him by Mok. The inspector on receiving the money gave witness \$10. Witness pointed out to the Court what he saw the inspector write on the notice. It read: "Examined and found good. H. J. W. Gidley, 29-11-05 and 13 Beaufort Strand West." This was written immediately after witness made the payment. Defendant first wrote it in pencil, and witness said "It is in pencil. They won't believe me. It might come off." Defendant then wrote it in ink, and witness took the paper to his shop and handed it to Mok.

Cross-examined—Witness did not assist his father in the business until one or two years before his death. He had been in the business twelve or thirteen years, and left school when he was a man. There was not another contractor firm here by the name of Lik Kee. Since his father died he had made a little money. In the contract to pull down Lane, Crawford's old premises he spent more money than he had received. After the Yuen Fat Hong affair he did not often go to see the defendant about more business. He had had no quarrel with him, and was aware that it was a criminal offence for defendant to accept bribes. Witness was not asked to give a receipt for the \$250.

Mr. Wilkinson—Are you aware that it is a criminal offence to induce a person to accept or offer bribes?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Bowley—I submit, your Worship, the witness is not bound to answer that question.

His Worship—I see no objection to the question being answered.

Mr. Bowley—Hence not answer the question. My friend is asking him to incriminate himself, and he is entitled to the protection of the Court.

His Worship—He is not bound to answer any question that will tend to incriminate him, but I don't see that the question asked will.

Mr. Wilkinson—This is really a waste of time. Mr. Wilkinson—Whether he is aware or not, the fact remains that he is guilty.

Mr. Bowley—If he has admitted the fact, he is not bound to admit guilty knowledge of the fact.

His Worship—I don't see any ground for his refusing to answer the question.

Mr. Bowley—If he has incriminated himself, he is not bound to incriminate himself further.

His Worship—My opinion is that the answer to the question will not tend to incriminate him, but I will make a note of the objection.

Mr. Wilkinson (to witness)—Are you not afraid of being prosecuted?

Witness—No. It was advertised in the newspapers that we were to tell the truth, and we would get the protection of the Commission.

Continuing, witness said he had never been otherwise than on friendly terms with the defendant. He turned round now because the Government had found defendant out.

Defendant had never refused to get witness work, and now he pitted the defendant. Last

Mr. Wilkinson—He had been to see Inspector Lambe about three times. It would not be about fifty or sixty times. During the last three years he had been at the branch office on several occasions, but he could not remember when he saw defendant. Witness' shop was in the defendant's district, but he did not know how long defendant had been on the district.

He could not say whether an inspector had been to inspect his premises once in two months. His premises were in East Street, and the only other premises he represented were the Yuen Fat Hong and those he mentioned yesterday.

Mr. Wilkinson—Have you ever negotiated with other owners to get bribes?

His Worship—He doesn't answer that question. (To the interpreter)—Ask him if he

wishes to answer that question.

Witness—No.

Continuing, witness said he did concreting for other owners than the Yuen Fat Hong. He did work for eight or ten houses in Wanchai, but the work was very difficult to get. Sometimes his friends asked him to do it; they were the owners. When his friends were not owners, Mok got the business for him. So far as he knew Mok did not act as broker to other contractors. Mok endeavoured to ascertain whenever notices were sent to owners of houses by the Sanitary Board, and then he would try to get the work for witness. He allowed Mok a commission of \$2 on every house; sometimes a little more, sometimes less. On the occasion when defendant gave him \$50 he gave Mok \$10

When the \$250 was paid to him he took it to defendant's house. He first went to see defendant at the office, but Mok did not go with him. Mok was present when the money was paid to witness, and when he (witness) went to defendant he left Mok behind in the shop, where he found him when he returned. He called on the inspector at his office between 10 and 11 a.m. There were a number of Chinese present, but he could not say whether Inspector Lambe was there. The desk opposite defendant's in the office was occupied by a Chinese clerk. Witness always conversed with the defendant in Chinese. He kept an account book in connection with his business, but had no record in his books of the portions of the two bribes he had received. Witness had not gone round with other inspectors to watch them examining concrete. Only the premises he had already mentioned were found satisfactory by the inspector, so far as he knew. The \$250 from the Yuen Fat Hong was taken to him before the defendant had inspected the premises. He told the man who handled it to him that the inspector had not inspected the premises. Witness had been to school for five or six years, and left when he was twenty-one years of age.

Re-examined—When witness left school he was in the same class as defendant's older brother, who sat next him in the class. He was rebuilding part of Lane, Crawford's old premises, but the work was not finished yet. Before he saw the notice in the newspapers about the Commission he did not speak to anyone about defendant. He had his house limewashed twice a year. Mr. Lambe, and not defendant, looked after that.

Ko Ching-king, sworn, said he was a dealer in preserved fruits. His shop name was Sun Tan-ting. In November last year he was occupying Nos. 138, 142, 144 and 146 Queen's Road West. A sanitary inspector then called and inspected the ground surfaces of the four houses. The inspector was accompanied by a Chinaman who carried a pick. A small hole about ten inches square was cut in the ground surface of two of the houses. The holes had since been repaired by his foki, but the Sanitary Board had not paid for them.

Cross-examined—Witness went to each of the houses with the inspector when he examined the floors. He saw the concrete, laid, and it was very well laid.

Re-examined—That was about six or seven years ago.

Cheung Cho said he was a carpenter carrying on business at 138 Queen's Road West. He remembered a sanitary inspector calling to inspect the ground surfaces of his shop last year. The inspector did not dig a hole in the floor.

Cross-examined—Two or three men accompanied the inspector when he called at witness' premises. The inspector went all round the place and thumped the ... floor and after this occasion he called, several times to inspect.

Re-examined—There was not more than one thumping of the floor.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

## THE OPIUM FARM.

## BIG DROP IN PURCHASE PRICE.

Tenders for the purchase of the privileges known as the Opium Farm closed at the Colonial Secretary's Office at noon yesterday. As was anticipated, there was a heavy drop in the purchase price, so that the Government will have to devise other means to raise the \$49,000 worth of revenue which will be lost by the acceptance of the highest tender.

The successful tenderer was Lok Yau, the present farmer, and the amount of his tender was \$121,000 per month. On the last occasion when tenders were called his offer of \$185,000 per month for the privileges connected with the farm was accepted by Government. During the year, however, the heavy losses which he sustained induced the Government to reduce his monthly payment to \$170,000, and even then the business was not flourishing.

## MACAO.

## [FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

August 30th.

AN UNIMPORTANT ELECTION.

On Sunday, the 2nd proximo, there will be an election by the Macao citizens of a representative at S. Bento, Portugal. As the election is not of much importance, I believe that it will prove a very tame affair, only those who are compelled to vote will do so. The independent voters know that Timor (the sister colony) will elect whom they or the Government wants. I understand, however, that this will be the last election of the kind, as Macao will have to elect its own representative independently of Timor the next time. More interest will then be given to the election.

## THE WEATHER.

Yesterday's weather was very threatening, and the gales fell very low. We thought that a typhoon was going to visit us. The inner harbour was full of fishing and other junks which have come in for shelter. H. M. S. *Monarch* was also here. The weather to-day has improved on the whole, but it is raining hard.

## THE SEA SERPENT AGAIN?

This morning as the bathers were as usual having their dip on the beach opposite the Bay View House a strange animal of several feet in length was observed by those on the sands. The bathers were at once apprised of the danger, and they immediately quitted the water. The animal appeared like a crocodile and was about ten or twelve feet long. Sportsmen are keeping a watch for this monster, which has somewhat intimidated and reduced the usual crowd of bathers in this much frequented spot.



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SEALED TENDERS, in duplicates, will be received by the DEPUTY VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, H.M. Victualling Yard, until NOON on MONDAY, the 10th September, for the Supply of FROZEN BEEF and FROZEN MUTTON to H.M. Ships.

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H.M. VICTUALLING YARD, Hongkong, 24th August, 1906. [1637]

THE PUBLIC HEALTH & BUILDINGS ORDINANCE COMMISSION.

TAKE NOTICE that a COMMISSION has been appointed to enquire into and Report on the following matters, viz.:

1. Whether the administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations emanated by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, as now carried out is satisfactory, and, if not, what improvements can be made.

2. Whether any irregularity or corruption exists or has existed among the Officials charged with the administration of the aforesaid Regulations.

The Commission earnestly invite the Inhabitants of Hongkong and Kowloon to co-operate with them by forwarding any complaint they may have to make or suggestion to offer in connection with the matters aforesaid to the undersigned.

Any person examined as a witness in the enquiry aforesaid makes a full and true disclosure touching all the matters in respect of which he is examined will receive a certificate from the Commission which will protect the witness against any civil or criminal proceedings which may be instituted against such witness in respect of any matter touching which he has been examined.

By Order,

W. BOWEN-ROWLANDS, Secretary. Hongkong, 7th July, 1906. [1381]

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Further particulars and date of sale will be notified later. In the meantime inquiries as to property may be made of the undersigned.

H. K. HOLMES.

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Hongkong, 30th August, 1906. [1654]

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MEMBERS wishing to subscribe for "SUBSCRIPTION" GOLFING for our next RACE MEETING are requested to Notify the Undersigned before SATURDAY, the 8th September next.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1906. [1652]

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has This Day REMOVED to No. 3, PEDDER'S HILL. H. M. H. NEMAZEE. Hongkong, 27th August, 1906. [1651]

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STRAY ASTEROID UNEXPECTED IN ELECTROCUSSION—A NEW PORCELAIN, MOUNTAIN MOVING—THE NEW DIVINING ROD.

A singular condition, known as congenital word blindness has been brought to notice by ophthalmic surgeons within the last few years. Its victims have great difficulty in recognizing printed words or learning to read, and a recent inquiry in London elementary schools has led Dr. C. J. Thomas to conclude that about one person in 2,000 is affected to a considerable degree. The trouble, most common in the lower classes, occurs much more often in boys than girls. Last year a bright boy of eleven could only make out a few words of three letters with difficulty, although he had been in a special class four years, and could read Arabic numerals, work out problems in arithmetic, and recognize many words when spelled aloud. In another case, a really brilliant child became an excellent surgeon, getting his knowledge at lectures and classes, with practically no reading. The initial difficulty is having so many letters to remember, with so many variations in sound and for treating the word-blind an English teacher has devised a special series of reading books, with simplified and phonetic spelling until the pupil is considerably advanced.

For an artificial rubber a German authority recommends mixing an infusion of Carragheen moss with starch, and drying on a slightly oiled metal plate. When the transparent sheet produced is broken up, it softens in cold water, and on subsequent heating it forms a thick gummy substance, which may be used for thickening paint or for many of the purposes of rubber.

Is a National Matrimonial Bureau among the reforms to be proposed by President Roosevelt? Expert opinion seems to regard it as already proven that more scientific selection of husband and wife cannot fail to produce a more virile and higher type of American men and women.

One of the queerest of odd creatures is the mudskipper or jumping-fish of the large rivers of India and the neighbouring sea-coasts. At ebb tide these little fishes leave the water to hunt for tiny crabs, flies, etc., and their strong pectoral and ventral fins, aided by their tails, enable them to move about easily and to climb upon trees, grass and leaves. With their large eyes, seeming to project far out of the sockets, they can see as well on the land as in the water. They progress in short, quick leaps, effected by sharply bending the rear third of the body to the left and suddenly straightening it. In colour they are usually light brown with dark band, though they sometimes appear light green. They are easily caught, and are much used in Burma for live bait.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODDOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have further declined to \$138 ex div., without any business to report. Kowloon Wharves have paid buyers at \$106, \$105, and \$105 ex div. of \$21 paid on the 29th inst., and close steady at that rate. Douglass continue neglected at \$17. Shells have ruled Hainan, and a demand at 27 1/2 has not been met.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars, contrary to expectations, were inquiries for over the settlements, and the rate rose with but little business to \$169. The market closes with buyers and no sellers at the rate. Izuons are enquired for at the improved rate of \$22.

MINING.—With the exception of some sales of Raubat at 57 we have nothing to report under this heading.

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LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue quiet with small unimportant sales at \$110, the market closing with a few shares on offer at that rate. Hongkong Hotels have again changed hands at \$120 and are still in demand. Humphreys have receded a little, and after small sales at \$114 are not sub-sellable over \$111. Shanghai Lands have further fallen to \$11. We have nothing else to report under this heading.

CORRUGATED METAL. Ewos are down a point in Shanghai to \$17. 75 and Shy Chees have improved to \$18. 31. Hongkongs have been placed at \$151 and close with sellers. This Company's report now published recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent., a bonus of 2 1/2 per cent., and the placing of \$50,000 to an accumulation of dividend fund, also writing off property amount \$50,000, and carrying forward \$21,00.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Alambamas are enquired for at \$100. China Providents at \$33 after sales at \$34. Traas at \$23, and Watsons at \$13. We have only small sales of Darries at \$17. Green Islands at \$22. China Lights at \$101, and of Watsons at \$13 to report under this heading. Morning Posts have improved to \$203 with buyers.

LEAD WOOL, a new British product for packing water pipes, consists of very small ribbons of lead, cut by patented machinery in lengths of three feet. Hemp or yarn is first pressed into the socket, and then the strand of lead wood is twisted in and well caulked at each turn until the whole space is tightly packed with a mass of lead. It is claimed that the joint is stronger and more satisfactory than when closed by the usual troublesome method of running in melted lead.

THE ASTEROIDS or minor planets, of which nearly 600 have been recorded since the beginning of the nineteenth century, have been supposed to form a ring in the space between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. One discovered on February 22 of this year, however, has a unique interest in having been proven to be beyond Jupiter, its mean distance from the sun being 5.25 to Jupiter's 5.20, while its aphelion distance—6.151—exceeds that of Jupiter by nearly the earth's distance from the sun.

OF 30 INCIDENTS from electric shock in Switzerland last year, 21 were fatal, while Australia had but 6 fatalities in 56 cases. A fifth of the accidents were from currents of 220 volts or less, and a man was killed by a 120 volt three-wire supply, while in another case a shock from 26,000 volts did not kill. Of 15 attempts at resuscitation, only one was successful.

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CHINKIANG	"NINGPO"	On 1st September.
TSINGTAO, CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG	"KASHING"	On 1st September.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 4th September.
AMOY and SHANGHAI	"TIENTSIN"	On 4th September.
SHANGHAI	"KUOKIANG"	On 5th September.
CHEFOO and NEWCHWANG	"KWEIYANG"	On 6th September.
TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 7th September.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, & TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 5th October.

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## A NEW TEXTILE DEVELOPMENT.

PERFECTED TREATMENT OF THE RAMIE FIBRE.

It seemed something incongruous—a dry twig of a strange wood, laid carelessly on a pile of the most airy delicate underclothing, of that the art of the dyer can produce; a pile of dress materials on the one hand, and on the other a heap of the white clothing in the Temple's roll upon roll look picturesque and gay, and other fabrics upon the floor beneath, and hanging from the walls rich curtains and tapestries. At a venture one might have guessed that a hundred raw materials and a score of factories had been used in the fitting of the room. But—the concerned in the fitting of the room. But—the twigs que double fai-sai-ai dans cette gallerie?

"Oh, don't you know what that is?" "That's one asked, catching a curious glance. "That's a twig of ramie." "China grass," you know. And the mystery was explained.

There are many substances that science has, of late years, put to remarkable uses, and few of them have proved to be one of the most adaptable of these. We pay our streets with wood, we these.

We print our newspapers on a tissue made from plant pulp, and for many a century past experiments have been made in the use of wood-pulp for textile purposes. Of the many most notable fibres that have been used for these experiments by far the best is that of the ramie plant, which grows freely in India, China, the Malay Peninsula, and Japan. For ages past the Chinese have made an exceedingly delicate "grass-cloth" from miles of ramie, laboriously prepared and woven by hand, and its value has been famous, at least, for its strength, its softness, and its beauty, far exceed those of any other.

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The hero of "The Treasure of Heaven" is David H. Holmby, a man of seventy, and one of the richest millionaires in the world. Holmby has a house in Carlton House-terrace, and everything money can buy him, but he is miserly and die intended. He does not know, and he has not known, the meaning of love.

In her earlier chapter Miss Corelli girds at the man with Father Vaughan-like power.

The following is a little example:—

There has never been anything born under the sun smaller than a twentieth century woman of fashion, or of her own sex—except, perhaps, a starving hyena, fearing nothing in living prey.

Holmby has taken a great interest in a girl called Lucy Scott, to whom he half intends to leave his money. But as she grows up he finds that she becomes as hard and mercenary as the rest of her sex. He talks of her love, and I tell him that she does not believe it, and when he mentions the "Brownsings," she replies that they were "a very funny couple."

Finally, she's him very clearly that, old man as he is, he is longing to marry him for his money, and then he feels that London is impossible for him; and that he must go out into the world to search for real affection.

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ury white waistcoats. Ramie may have other good points; but surely these are enough to increase the demand for it in its new forms and to ensure a substantial reward to the J. Spencer Turner Company for its patient research.—*Westminster Gazette*.

## CORELLI'S NEW NOVEL.

So great is the legion of readers that eagerly read the novels by Miss Marie Corelli that the appearance of a new book from her pen is an event of far more than average interest. And M. Morrell may have their thousands of readers, but Miss Corelli has but tens of thousands.

It is possible that her success comes from the negative qualities of her work. It may be said with justice that Miss Corelli is frequently Didactic, that her writing suffers from exaggeration and a lack of humour, and that the exaggeration sometimes leads her into lapses of taste.

But it is what she is, not what she is not, that has aroused her large measure of public favour. She has a story to tell, and she tells it with workmen-like skill, and the story is generally topical in interest and sufficiently sentimental in its motive to hold the public.

All the qualities of her previous works are evidenced in "The Treasure of Heaven," published by Messrs. Constable. Miss Corelli's name among modern writers does not invite criticism of her works, and therefore it will be sufficient to give some idea of the rise of her story.

The book has as a frontispiece a photograph of the author included, as she explains in her foreword.

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## FRENCH EXECUTIONER TO GO.

## PREPARING TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Paris, Sunday, July 29. The Budget Commission has cast off the Paris executioner, M. Anatole Dubbler, in his prime—not physically, but metaphorically. This is suggested as the first step towards the abolition of capital punishment in France.

The Commission has suppressed the credit for Dubbler's salary, and ever since yesterday morning the ex-executioner has been mobbed by journalists anxious to hear from his own lips what he intends to do about it.

Introducing M. Dubbler is no easy matter. He is in constant terror of his life, for there are regard many people in a certain class of Paris society who naturally have a grudge against him.

M. de Paris, as he is often called, lives in a pretty villa in the outskirts. The house is surrounded by a garden, and the garden is bounded in by a high wall and bullet-proof railings.

When a visitor rings the bell all the windows of the house are automatically protected by iron curtains which close over them as the bell-pull is turned. Then a little wicket opens in the iron door, and a boy asks: "Who are you want to see?" If the answer is not the password, "M. Anatole," the wicket is promptly closed, and M. Dubbler is the descendant of hereditary executioners. His grandfather was famous as the executioner of eight sailors at one time at least.

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ATTENDS A DANCE DISGUISED AS A WOMAN.

New York, Sunday, July 29th.

The great sensation of the season at Newport was caused last Thursday evening, when Mr. Dudley Morgan, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. J. Rogers Morgan, appeared at a dance at the Casino dressed as a woman.

With the assistance of two friends Mr. Morgan attire himself in a pretty evening dress and a wig, and when he goes out into the world to search for real affection.

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In 1893 I had a man in, doing some work in

the garden. After a hearty dinner I took a

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